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THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU) REQUIREMENTS LEVIED ON THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, CHINA, AND JAPAN CONCERNING ENVIRONMENTAL INFESTATION. THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE SPECIFICALLY CONCERNED WITH THE PINWOOD NEMATODE. THE STATEMENTS BELOW CITE THE REQUIREMENTS IN DETAIL AND COVER LUMBER USED TO BUILD CONTAINERS, EXISTING CONTAINERS, AND PALLETS USED FOR DELIVERIES RESULTING IN SHIPMENTS TO THE EU (DIRECT, THROUGH AIR LOGISTICS CENTERS (ALCs) OR THROUGH OTHER BASES).

LUMBER AND PACKAGING/CONTAINER STATEMENT:

"ALL WOODEN LUMBER AND WOOD CONTAINERS PRODUCED ENTIRELY OR IN PART OF NON-MANUFACTURED SOFTWOOD SPECIES SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED FROM HEAT TREATED (HT) MATERIAL (HT TO 56 DEGREES CENTIGRADE OR 133 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT FOR 30 MINUTES). CERTIFICATION IS REQUIRED BY AN ACCREDITED AGENCY RECOGNIZED BY THE AMERICAN LUMBER STANDARDS COMMITTEE (ALSC). CONSTRUCTION AND CERTIFICATION SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NON-MANUFACTURED WOOD PACKING POLICY AND NON-MANUFACTURED WOOD PACKING ENFORCEMENT REGULATIONS, BOTH DATED MAY 30, 2001." THESE DOCUMENTS CAN BE FOUND AT www.aphis.usda.gov.

WOODEN PALLET STATEMENT:

"ALL WOODEN PALLETS PRODUCED ENTIRELY OR IN PART OF NON-MANUFACTURED SOFTWOOD SPECIES SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED FROM HEAT TREATED (HT) MATERIAL (HT TO 56 DEGREES CENTIGRADE OR 133 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT FOR 30 MINUTES). CERTIFICATION IS REQUIRED BY AN ACCREDITED AGENCY RECOGNIZED BY THE AMERICAN LUMBER STANDARDS COMMITTEE (ALSC). CONSTRUCTION AND CERTIFICATION SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NON-MANUFACTURED WOOD PACKING POLICY AND NON-MANUFACTURED WOOD PACKING ENFORCEMENT REGULATIONS, BOTH DATED MAY 30, 2001." THESE DOCUMENTS CAN BE FOUND AT www.aphis.usda.gov.

HARDWOOD SPECIES STATEMENT

"ALL WOODEN PALLETS PRODUCED ENTIRELY OF NON-MANUFACTURED HARDWOOD SPECIES SHALL BE IDENTIFIED BY A PERMANENT MARKING OF "NC" (NON-CONIFEROUS), 1.25 INCHES OR GREATER IN HEIGHT, ACCOMPANIED BY THE CAGE CODE OF THE CONTRACTED MANUFACTURER AND THE MONTH AND YEAR OF THE CONTRACT. ON PALLETS, THE MARKING SHALL BE APPLIED TO THE STRINGER OR BLOCK ON OPPOSITE SIDES AND ENDS OF THE PALLET AND BE CONTRASTING AND CLEARLY VISIBLE."